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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ROUKEMA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Children’s  
5       Immunization Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 411 of the Stewart B.  
3 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371) is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
5 graph:

6 “(11) The term ‘child immunization’ means im-  
7 munization of children who have not attained the  
8 age of 6 years, in accordance with recommendations  
9 issued by the Surgeon General of the Public Health  
10 Service.”.

11 (b) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Section 414(a) of the  
12 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 11374(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
14 new paragraph:

15 “(5) The provision of services relating to child  
16 immunization, as follows:

17 “(A) Providing transportation for children  
18 occupying facilities assisted under this subtitle  
19 to locations where child immunization is avail-  
20 able.

21 “(B) Providing information and counseling  
22 to families occupying such facilities regarding  
23 the benefits and availability of child immuniza-  
24 tion.

25 “(C) Providing child immunization for chil-  
26 dren occupying such facilities at the facility

1 (subject to the limitations under paragraph (2))  
2 or coordinating and arranging for child immu-  
3 nization at the facility.

4 Any assistance used for the purposes under this  
5 paragraph shall be considered to have been used for  
6 activities under paragraph (2) for purposes of the  
7 limitation under paragraph (2)(B).”.

8 (c) REQUIREMENTS TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING CHILD  
9 IMMUNIZATIONS.—Section 415 of the Stewart B. McKin-  
10 ney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11375) is amend-  
11 ed—

12 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
14 “and” at the end;

15 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
16 subparagraph (C); and

17 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(B) in the case of children who have not  
20 attained the age of 6 years and occupy a facility  
21 assisted under this subtitle, immunizations (to  
22 the extent that such children have not been im-  
23 munized in accordance with recommendations  
24 issued by the Surgeon General of the Public  
25 Health Service); and”; and

1           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2       section:

3       “(f) DETERMINATION OF IMMUNIZATION RECORD OF  
4 CHILDREN OCCUPYING FACILITIES.—For any child who  
5 has not attained the age of 6 and is occupying a facility  
6 assisted under this subtitle, not later than 60 days after  
7 such initial occupancy the recipient of such assistance  
8 shall—

9           “(1) make reasonable efforts to obtain from the  
10      family of such child or the appropriate State or local  
11      health agency information sufficient to determine  
12      whether the child has been immunized in accordance  
13      with recommendations issued by the Surgeon Gen-  
14      eral of the Public Health Service; and

15          “(2) for any child that has not been so immu-  
16      nized or for which insufficient information is avail-  
17      able to determine whether the child has been so  
18      immunized, provide the family of the child with in-  
19      formation regarding the benefits and availability of  
20      child immunization.”.

21 **SEC. 3. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNDER SUPPORTIVE**  
22 **HOUSING PROGRAM.**

23       (a) DEFINITION.—Section 422 of the Stewart B.  
24 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11382) is  
25 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
2 (14) as paragraphs (3) through (15), respectively;  
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-  
5 ing new paragraph:

6 “(2) The term ‘child immunization’ means im-  
7 munization of children who have not attained the  
8 age of 6 years, in accordance with recommendations  
9 issued by the Surgeon General of the Public Health  
10 Service.”.

11 (b) REQUIREMENT TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING CHILD  
12 IMMUNIZATIONS.—Section 425 of the Stewart B. McKin-  
13 ney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11385) is amend-  
14 ed—

15 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
16 following new subsection:

17 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Supportive services pro-  
19 vided in connection with a project shall address the  
20 special needs of individuals (such as homeless per-  
21 sons with disabilities and homeless families with  
22 children) intended to be served by a project.

23 “(2) DETERMINATION OF IMMUNIZATION  
24 RECORD OF CHILDREN OCCUPYING TRANSITIONAL  
25 HOUSING.—For any child who has not attained the

1 age of 6 and is occupying a project that is transi-  
2 tional housing, not later than 60 days after such ini-  
3 tial occupancy the recipient of such assistance  
4 shall—

5 “(A) make reasonable efforts to obtain  
6 from the family of such child or the appropriate  
7 State or local health agency information suffi-  
8 cient to determine whether the child has been  
9 immunized in accordance with recommendations  
10 issued by the Surgeon General of the Public  
11 Health Service; and

12 “(B) for any child that has not been so im-  
13 munized or for which insufficient information is  
14 available to determine whether the child has  
15 been so immunized, provide the family of the  
16 child with information regarding the benefits  
17 and availability of child immunization.”.

18 (c) ELIGIBLE SERVICES.—Section 425(c) of the  
19 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 11385(c)) is amended by striking “and (G)” and inserting  
21 the following: “(G) providing (i) transportation for chil-  
22 dren occupying projects that are supportive housing to  
23 locations where child immunization is available, (ii) infor-  
24 mation and counseling to families occupying such projects  
25 regarding the benefits and availability of child immuniza-

1 tion, and (iii) child immunization for children occupying  
2 such projects at the project or coordinating and arranging  
3 for the provision of such services at the project, and (H)”.  
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5 (d) REQUIRED AGREEMENTS.—Section 426(c) of the  
6 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 11386(c)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the  
9 end;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
11 graph (8); and

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the follow-  
13 ing new paragraph:

14 “(7) in the case of any project that is support-  
15 ive housing, to assist children who have not attained  
16 the age of 6 years and occupy the project to obtain  
17 immunizations (to the extent that such children have  
18 not been immunized in accordance with rec-  
19 ommendations issued by the Surgeon General of the  
Public Health Service); and”.

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